Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely, agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs/STs and rural connectivity.

In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, various steps have been taken to provide some additional funding to these districts. In 1998-99 and 1999-2000, Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 37 crore was provided each year in the Annual Plan of Orissa for these districts, In 1998-99, additional amount of Rs. 7 crore was allocated for the Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under Basic Minimum Services. In 1999-2000, an additional amount of Rs. 8.60 crore was allocated for the Emergency Feeding Programme, Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Units and Rs. 10 crore for Drinking Water Supply under Basic Minimum Services.

Indian Fabric in World Market

4862. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian fabric can constitute a major part of exports as per German experts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to participate in Frankfurt trade fair as well as other foreign venues to open market further for textiles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is scope for increasing the share of fabrics in our overall textile exports.

(b) Various Textile Export Promotion Councils are already participating in the Heimtextil fair at frankfurt as well as other International Trade Fairs.

Technology Upgradation Centre in Kerala

4863. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need to modernize the handloom industry in the country to enable them to produce improved varieties of handloom product; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend enough financial assistance to set up one technology upgradation centre in each district of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILEXS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A Weaver's Service at Cannonare for Kerala State provides, technology upgradation services alongwith other services to the handloom weavers.

Sick Textile Units in Maharashtra

4864. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised New National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names & number of sick/chronically sick textile units in Maharashtra as on 31.3.2000;

(d) the details of decision taken for final closure of sick mills/revival of potentially viable textile units-names thereof along with details; of modernisation plan finalished unit wise estimated cost thereof;

(e) the details of follow-up action plan for 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) and (b) New Textile Policy is likley to be finalised shortly.

(c) As on 9.9.99, a total of 82 Textile Units in the State of Maharashtra have been registered with the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(d) and (e) Government of India have enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, SICA, 1985 and established the BIFR with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. The rehabilitation schmes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

Appointment of Special Officers on District Basis

4865. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: